



## NDC's defeat not surprising – Teye Nyaunu

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Former Member of Parliament for Lower Manya Krobo, Michael Teye Nyaunu says he is not surprised the National Democratic Congress (NDC) lost the December 7 general elections.

According to him, the ruling party rather sowed a seed of discord and paid for it dearly in the general elections.

"If you sow a good seed and water it, germination must occur. If you see the problems and talk, no one mind you. It was obvious and a lot of reports indicated we would lose the election" he stated on Accra based Okay FM.

The NDC suffered a humiliating defeat in the December polls which saw presidential candidate of the opposition New Patriotic Party (NPP), Nana Akufo-Addo elect president.

He polled 53 percent and President John Mahama got 44 percent of the total vote count. Majority of MPs of the ruling party also lost their seats. But the NDC has blamed the outcome on voter apathy in their strongholds.

However, Mr. Teye Nyaunu maintained that the ruling party was complacent in spite of the intensive electioneering campaign across the country.

"This is the most intensive campaign they (NDC) have ever launch but with the most humiliating results. How can we with incumbent power have 44% and opposition takes 53%? It shows the incumbency is very unpopular" he stated.

The former Lower Manya Krobo MP beleives if the campaign team had reviewed its campaign strategies, they would have identified the loopholes and addressed it.

"We never met to review our campaigns. Ask the National campaign coordinator if we ever met. The campaign team of the president, his wife, the Veep and the chief of staff never met to review the campaigns we were embarking. That's it. These are some of the core problems. What did they send to the various constituencies about touring the required lines...? He queried.

Mr. Teye Nyaunu also blamed their defeat on the neglect of their party founder, former president Jerry John Rawlings in the campaign which in his opinion had a negative effective on the NDC's campaign.

"Rawlings absence imparted negatively. His absence from all the platforms could also be contributed to the loss. But we can't be reliant on him all the time. He has natural attraction and the people love to see him on the platform...," he noted.

Mr. Teye Nyaunu added that "There is hope for NDC because our people only gave protest vote and if we try to put our house together to restructure from the branches, I assure you NPP will only be a one term government."




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